

## The Cake Walk Homicide.

TRIAL OF EX-POLICEMAN PATRICK M'DONALD FOR  
THE MURDER OF DANIEL BROWN, COLORED.

[Reported for the Baltimore Sun.]

The trial was commenced in the Criminal Court yesterday of Patrick McDonald, indicted for the murder of Daniel Brown, a colored man, last July, 31st, by shooting him with a pistol. McDonald was a policeman at the time, and a sociable party of colored persons were gathered at Brown's house on Tyson street, near Tyson alley, at what was called a "cake walk." The policeman was called on by a neighbor, a white man, to make the colored people at Brown's keep more quiet, and it was in the difficulty that occurred when he went to the house in answer to this request that Brown was killed.

### OBTAINING THE JURY.

The time of the court yesterday was spent in endeavoring to obtain a jury, and only six of the twelve had been secured when the court adjourned at 3 P. M. until to-day.

The six jurymen are Robert G. Williams, J. Hanson Thomas, Jr., J. M. Getz, Duncan N. Robb, Wm. S. Tyler, and K. Lewis Whiteford.

### THE PRISONER.

The prisoner, who sat in the dock, is an ordinary looking man, of full medium size, and looked grave, as if he realized his position as that of a man on trial for a weighty charge. His counsel are John P. Poe, J. Douglas Hambleton and Joseph S. Heusler. The prosecution is conducted by A. Leo Knott, assisted by Henry Stockbridge.

### WHY JURYMEN WERE EXCUSED.

After exhausting the regular panel and getting five jurymen, the court ordered fifty talesmen to be summoned during a recess of an hour, and from these but one more jurymen was obtained. It appeared that a very large proportion of those summoned as jurymen had formed and expressed opinions in the case disqualifying them. A considerable number had conscientious scruples against inflicting the death penalty for crime, and were set aside for that cause. Many persons tried in vain to get excused on account of their business. Nine were challenged by the defense, and several by the State. The court ordered the sheriff to summon one hundred talesmen for this morning and adjourned, discharging the jurymen on the regular panel not on this case until Thursday. The six jurymen were given into the custody of a court bailiff with instructions that they were to be made as comfortable as possible.

### LIST OF WITNESSES.

The following is a list of the witnesses in the case for the State: A. Trusty, Rider Coates, W. Johnson, Mary D. Shields, Dr. E. C. Gamble, Dr. Ogle, Anna Roche, Allen Martin, Lorenzo Goldstein, Miller Pinkett, Mrs. Brown and Mary Dashields. For the defense: George Allpeter, W. H. Holman, John A. Holland, Wm. Cosgrove, Wm. Adler, Thomas J. Carey, C. Schluter, Charles Woods, Dr. H. P. C. Wilson, Dr. Griffith, Mrs. Anna Roche, John M. Kreuger, P. Horrigan, Sergeant Zimmerman, Harman Linthicum, Thomas J. Osborne, John Hough, Geo. Van Danaker, Thomas Gill and Thos. H. Scott. A number of the witnesses are colored and a few are policemen.